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In re Application of:

Bruno Teppe

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For:

DEVICE FOR THE QUICK

CLOSING AND OPENING OF SMALL LIQUID CONTAINERS

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

Hylton, Robin Annette

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant hereby requests a one (1) month extension in the statutory period for response to the Office Action from August 25, 2003 to September 25, 2003 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$110.00), and any additional fees which may be required, the attached PTO-2038. However, if the PTO-2038 is missing, if the amount listed thereon is insufficient, or if the amount is unable to be charged to the credit card for any other reason, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1315; Order No. CBDL:0007/YOD.

The Examiner has restricted examination of claims 1-14 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner restricted claims 5-9 to Group I, and the Examiner restricted claims 1-4 and 10-14 to Group II. 10/03/2003 ENIMMONS 00000004 061315

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Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute claims 1-4 and 10-14 of Group II.

All of claims 1-4 and 10-14 are believed readable on the elected species. Claims 5-9 will remain pending, however, although withdrawn from present consideration.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 9/27/2003

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